

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Please cancel claim 29.

Claims 15, 16, 20 and 32 have been amended.

Claims 33-36 have been added.

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15. (Amended) A drywall trim device for protecting a drywall corner joint, comprising:

10 a relatively rigid elongated core having a curved lengthwise cross-section so as to have a convex outer surface and a concave inner surface and including a pair of flanges terminating in respective longitudinal edges;

a paper cover bonded to said outer surface and extending beyond said longitudinal edges of said core to form flexible flaps; and

said flaps being formed with elongated grooves and ridges and spaced-apart perforations in said grooves.

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16. (Amended) A drywall corner protection strip device for protecting a drywall corner joint, comprising:

an elongated metal core having first and second longitudinal edges;

20 a paper cover bonded to said metal core and extending beyond said first and second longitudinal edges to form flexible flaps each having an outwardly-facing surface and an inwardly-facing surface;

said flaps being formed with elongated grooves and ridges in alternating relationship to provide linear stiffness in said flaps; and

25 said flaps being further formed with spaced-apart perforations formed along said grooves to provide for the communication of uncured joint compound between said outwardly-facing surfaces and said inwardly-facing surfaces during the

installation of said drywall corner protection strip device onto said drywall corner joint.

17. A drywall joint assembly strip device to be covered by flowable joint compound and comprising:

an elongated core;

a paper cover bonded to said core so as to extend beyond the longitudinal edges of said core to form flexible flaps, said flaps being formed on at least one side with longitudinal rib means for, when said joint compound is applied thereto, afford a mechanical barrier to shifting relative to such compound; and

said flaps formed with compound-directing means and communication means to provide for the communication of said flowable joint compound between said outwardly-facing surfaces and said inwardly-facing surfaces to, when set up, fill the respective said perforations with compound posts.

20. (Amended) A drywall corner protection strip device, comprising:

an elongated, continuous metal core configured with a lengthwise central portion arcuate in cross-section and terminating on each longitudinal core edge in a generally planar, lengthwise flange portion, said core thus having a generally convex outer surface and a generally concave inner surface;

a paper cover centrally bonded to said outer surface and configured such that the longitudinal edges of said cover extend beyond said longitudinal core edges to form respective flexible flaps having respective outwardly-facing and inwardly-facing surfaces;

a plurality of elongated grooves and ridges permanently formed in alternating relationship along said outwardly-facing surfaces to provide linear stiffness for said flaps; and

spaced-apart perforations formed along said grooves to provide for the communication of uncured joint compound between said outwardly-facing surfaces and said inwardly-facing surfaces during the installation of said drywall corner protection strip device onto a drywall corner joint.

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30. A protective drywall joint strip device comprising:  
an elongated rigid core of a predetermined width and terminating in opposite longitudinal edges;  
a paper cover bonded to said core and configured to project laterally  
10 beyond the respective said edges to form respective flexible flaps;  
said flaps being formed on at least one side with at least four parallel elongated grooves defining therebetween respective reinforcing ribs, said grooves being spaced 1/8th of an inch apart and said ribs being raised outwardly from the bottoms of the respective said grooves at least 1/64th of an inch; and  
15 said flaps being further formed with respective perforations spaced equidistant along the respective said grooves and projecting extending through said flaps to form open flow apertures at least 1/64th of an inch in transverse cross action for flow therethrough of joint compound.

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32. (Amended) A protective drywall joint strip device comprising:  
an elongated, a relatively rigid core terminating in at least one longitudinal edge and having an outer surface;  
a relatively flexible cover bonded to said core and configured to project laterally beyond said edge to form a flexible longitudinal flap; and  
25 said flap including elongated lengthwise groove and ridge means spaced from said edge and configured to form a plurality of lengthwise grooves and ridges to be anchored in joint compound to anchor such strip device thereto or by such strip device may be placed over a joint between a pair of drywall panels and joint compound

thereover to be received in said grooves to cooperate in anchoring said ribs against shifting relative to such joint material.

33. (New) A protective drywall fitting for covering the joint formed between  
5 a pair of drywall panels formed by respective bodies having the opposite sides covered by drywall cover paper having adjacent outwardly facing marginal surfaces and comprising:

an elongated, relatively rigid core for positioning in covering relationship over the joint seam and including at least one longitudinal edge;

10 a relatively flexible paper cover configured to cover such marginal surfaces of the drywall cover paper and project beyond the said edge thereof to form a flexible longitudinal projecting flap; and

said flap including elongated lengthwise groove and ridges formed on the interior surface for receipt of such joint compound in such grooves to cooperate to,  
15 when such joint compound is cured, cooperate in anchoring such device to such drywall panels.

34. (New) A tape or drywall finishing bead including:

an elongated rigid core formed along its opposite sides with longitudinal edges;

20 a paper having an underside covering the rigid core and projecting laterally outwardly from the opposite side thereof to form laterally projecting flexible flaps;

a bond bonding the paper covering to the core; and

the flaps being formed on at least their underside with longitudinal, parallel, alternating ridges and grooves for receipt of joint compound to form complementary  
25 mirror images of the ridges of grooves so that upon curing the respective grooves and ridges of such flaps trap such flaps mechanically in such compound.

35. (New) The method of claim 33 wherein:

the paper is constructed of fibers and strengthening compound mixed together at the time of manufacture.

5 36. (New) The method of claim 35 wherein:

the strengthening compound encapsulates the fibers.